



IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/786,460
Applicant : GRIFFIN et al.
Filed : February 26, 2004
TC/A.U. : 2859
Examiner :

Docket No. : 1110-308
Customer No. : 06449
Confirmation No. :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the United States Patent
and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith information that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the US patent documents listed on the accompanying 1449 are not being furnished in accordance with the August 5, 2003 OG notice of waiver of this requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____


George R. Repper
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 31,414
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, p.c.
Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202)783-6040



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Complete if Known			
				Application Number		10/786,460	
				Filing Date		February 26, 2004	
				First Named Inventor		GRIFFIN	
				Group Art Unit		2859	
				Examiner Name			
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	1110-308		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
1	5,353,774			FURAYA	10/11/1994
2	5,616,835			SCHNAIBEL et al.	04/01/1997
3	5,752,493			ABE et al.	05/19/1998
4	5,782,227			ABE	07/21/1998
5	6,304,813			IKEDA et al.	10/16/2001
6	6,578,563			HADA et al.	06/17/2003

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	T ⁶
		Office ³ Code	Number ⁴	Kind ⁵ (if known)			

Examiner Signature _____ Date Considered _____

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code.

⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached. AB indicates that only an English language abstract is attached.